(c) The University Grants Commission have stated that they have not reduced grant for other Central Universities also.

(d) Does not arise.

Audit objection

1618. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of audit objections/CAG observations pending in his Ministry and since when;

(b) what steps have been taken to reply the observations/objections;

(c) whether his Ministry has not been replying to audit findings and to the large number of irregularities committed by various agencies under it during 1987-88 and 1991-92;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the grants released for educational output by Government during 1987—92 were not utilised fully; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Information about number of Audit Paras/ C&AG observations is available in the C&AG's Reports presented to the Parliament every year. There is a prescribed procedure laid down for reply of Audit Paras and furnishing Action Taken Notes on C&AG's observations. The draft Action Taken Notes are to be processed in consultation with the implementing Agencies/organisations and Audit. Action Taken Notes are furnished to PAC Branch through the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry is meticulously following the prescribed procedure in dealing with the audit objections/C&AG observations.

(e) and (f) The grants are released under various schemes to the State Governments and other Autonomous/Voluntary Organisations who are required to incur expenditure in accordance with the approved norms of the schemes. If the concerned Agency/Organisation is not able to utilise the grant fully by the end of the financial year, the agency/organisation is asked to refund the unspent balance or the same is adjusted in the grant of subsequent year.

Technological Mission on Literacy

1619. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the technological mission on literacy has been launched in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in this respect;

(c) the achievements made so far for spreading literacy among the masses in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise in this regard; and

(e) what effective measures have been taken to motivate the masses in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and b) The National Literacy Mission was launched in May, 1988 with the objective of imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group by 1995.

(c) and (d) According to the reports received as on 31st March, 1994 about 39.13 million persons have been made literate since the launching of the mission. A statement showing State-wise breakup of the number of persons made literate is attached (See below).

(e) The following steps are being taken under the National Literacy Mission to motivate the masses: